

# EARTH DAY 40 EDUCATIONAL TALKS SCHEDULE

Time	Room 208	Room 207	Room 202
11:00AM - 12:00PM	<p><b>Patty Wood - Grassroots Environmental Education</b></p> <p><i>How Green Is My Town?</i> Grassroots has issued a 10-Point “Green Town Challenge” to help people test the “greenness” of their towns. Find out how Irvington scored.</p> <p><i>Plastic Beach</i> Using familiar items as props, we show how typical activities in the life of an average American creates a mountain of plastic waste.</p>		<p><b>Elizabeth Silleck, Matt Slattery and Larry Nissman NYSERDA</b></p> <p><i>Reducing Energy Consumption &amp; Info About Incentives</i> Practical tips on how energy conservation through energy efficient technologies and simple energy-reducing practices in the home can reduce your carbon footprint and lower your monthly bills. Discussion of NYSERDA programs that help homeowners finance home energy assessments and energy efficiency improvements through loan programs and cash back incentives.</p>
12:00PM - 1:00PM		<p><b>Anne Marie Mitroff - Groundwork Hudson Valley</b></p> <p><i>Rain Water and Gardening</i> A natural way to reduce stormwater pollution &amp; beautify your landscape. This talk will cover rain garden installation basics and why you should consider putting one in your backyard.</p>	
1:00PM - 2:00PM	<p><b>Norm Jen - Greenergy NY</b></p> <p><i>Greening Your Home</i> The greatest environmental impact is in the home’s carbon footprint. What can homeowners do about this? A cost-based approach. From free conservation measures through low cost efficiency all the way to substantial cost efficiency efforts.</p>		
2:00PM - 3:00PM		<p><b>Dr. Fred Koontz - Teatown Lake Reservation</b></p> <p><i>Why Your Backyard Matters - Creating a Regional Bioscape</i> How and why our independent actions can collectively build sustainable, living landscapes at regional scales (“bioscapes”) will be explored, including what you can do on your own properties to help make our region more ecologically healthy.</p>	<p><b>David Singer - Robison's Comfort Save Division Oil</b></p> <p><i>Green Begins at Home</i> Review the home energy audit process. Basic measures that result in big energy savings and carbon footprint reductions.</p>
3:00PM - 4:00PM		<p><b>Dr. Fred Koontz - Teatown Lake Reservation</b></p> <p><i>Climate Change in the Hudson Hills and Highlands: What Can We Expect?</i> A brief review of the causes of global warming and climate change, and its worldwide effects on nature. Subsequent discussion will focus on the Hudson Valley, including what we can expect over the next 100 years.</p>	